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Letters to the Editor

Powers Is a Hero

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

I was amazed and disgusted by the big headline about Mr. Powers asking if he is a hero or a man who failed. Imagine the evil that can be done by judging a man before he has a chance to explain the situation.

People want to know why he did not take his life as instructed. Are we teaching our men to commit suicide the way the Japanese did when they were afraid of becoming prisoners? It is against our religious teachings to commit suicide.

I consider Francis Powers a hero. He deserves a medal for risking his life for our country.

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Resume U-2 Flights

To the N. Y. Herald Tribune:

Unless some startling new evidence is now forthcoming, Francis Powers is in no sense a hero. He is a highly-paid mercenary who failed in his mission and whose subsequent conduct was quite reprehensible.

In view of the crash of that Bulgarian reconnaissance plane in Italy, we should resume our U-2 flights without delay. Incidentally, how could the Bulgarian make two low level passes over a top-secret installation without being intercepted?

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